the day. Persons suspected of involvement in crimes related to kidnapping or dacoity crimes are called to these offices for interrogation after following the procedures prescribed in section 160 Cr·P.C. The Assistant Commissioner incharge keeps a close watch over the staff, especially when interrogation are being conducted.

Allepations of routine torturing of persons being interogated at the anti-kidnapping Section do not appear to be correct.

**Fatricidal war between Kukis and Nagas *in Manipur***

1341. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fatricidal war between Kukis and Nagar in the tiny state of Manipur;

(b) the number of persons who have been killed during the last two years, ending 31st December, 1994;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to restore normalcy in the State during the last two years and with what results; and

(d) whether Governmen have ever tried to find out the exact causes for the deep hatred between the two Christian tribal groups and if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per available records, the number of persons killed during 1993 and 1994 was 484 and 179, respectively.

(c) Besides deployment of additional units of the Army and Central Para Military Forces in Manipur, Rs. 10.50 crores was released during 1993-94 by way of Special Central Assistance for security relisted matters in addition to normal financial assistance under the Scheme for Modernisation of the State Police Force. An amount of Rs. 100 lakhs was released from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund during 1993-94 to the Manipur Branch of the Indian Red Cross for providing relief to the victims of the Kuki-Nagar clashes in addition to the payment of ex-gratia and other relief assistance provided by the State Government. Special pickets were posted at identified vulnerable points in addition to mobile patrolling of sensitive areas. There has been considerable improvement in the situation which is under control and watch.

(d) The causes for the Kuki-Naga clashes include, inter-alia, historical, political social and economic factors. However, the conflict was marked off by the rivalry between the Kuki and the Naga militants for domination of the border town of Moreh. Security in the border town and the Imphal-Moreh highway has been strengthened. Simultaneously, several other measures have been taken for providing relief to the victims and for development of the State. Meetings of leaders of both communities have been held for restoration of peace and communal harmony.

**Government policy to deal with seized articles**

1342. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantities of arms and ammunition are seized every year by different agencies, viz. ARMY, BSF, CBI.; etc. and it is quite logical that Government have a definite policy with regard to dealing with the seized articles; and